



Mother's Rest at Four Corners Playground

410 Washington St, Boston, MA

1st Public Meeting

Date/Time

September 16th, 2021 - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Lauren Bryant (Project manager, BPRD)
Christine Brandao (Outreach coordinator, external affairs)
Deborah Myers (Principal, DMLA)
Jeff Thoma (Principal, DMLA)
Chris McCormick (Landscape Architect, DMLA)
Yuhan Ji (Landscape Architect, DMLA)
Denise Dos Santos (Office of Neighborhood Services)

A. Meeting Agenda

- Project team introduction
- Project overview
- Presentation
- Listening & discussion
- Closing remarks & next steps

B. Meeting Notes

01- General Comments

- Upper Park is referred to as plaza and the Lower Park is referred to as the playground.
- Make the park more inclusive and welcoming, and more universally accessible.
- Make the park more friendly for senior users.
- Make sure the park is well lit and safe and to allow for more consistent use.
- Adding more color and art to the park would be welcome.
- The shade for activities is great and should be increased.
- Utilize history and contemporary information in the park.

02 - Community Suggested Program Ideas

Swings

Yoga and exercise space

Hill is used for hill runs

Cistern to capture rain water

Aqueduct memories – water on hill would be great
Grassy area for adults
Telescope
Exercise equipment (apart from the children’s
playground)
Dog park – fenced in
Large Chess Games (manipulative games)
Bike racks – top and bottom
Blue bike station
Could be used for outdoor classroom
Quiet healing garden
ART!!!
Musical component – and performance space –
bells, xylophone, wind chimes
Prayer wheels – image of man at graphic
Covered Space – pavilion. – cover when it rains
Tables and more seating
Amphitheater – terracing of space
Holidays –Christmas tree

Art / Dancing
Mural / painting of the stairs
Kiosk for activity postings and perhaps, games, etc
Electric outlets
Bulletin boards for events
Educational element for trees / plants (tree
labels/map of trees)
Formal flower bed along Washington Street
Informal seating
Game for grown-ups
Livestream camera (bird’s eye)
Solar lighting
More trees
Rain protection
Electronic messaging
Solar panels
Text ideas on the ground, or carved into rocks

03 - History of the Surrounding Area, Proposed for possible interpretive signage by Community

1st nation peoples
Silver and Pewter Manufacture ring – Gleason’s Silver
Ginkgo lining Tonawanda Street (110 years)

04 - Park Precedents from Community Members

Almont Park
Lawn on D
Garvey Park

05 - Next Steps

Pop-In Meeting in the park, September 23, 2021 4:00-6:00 pm
Meeting 2 is virtual on October 19, 2021 at 6:00pm